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CORN PRODUCTION UP; SOYBEAN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, AUGUST 10, 2007 - South Dakota's first corn and soybean production forecast for 2007 is for a larger corn crop and a smaller soybean crop than last year, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn production in 2007 is forecast at 520.65 million bushels, up 67 percent from last year's 312.34 million bushels. Yield, forecast at 117 bushels per acre, is up 20 bushels from last year's yield. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 4.45 million, are up 38 percent from last year's corn acres harvested.

South Dakota's August 1 **soybean** production forecast is 113.75 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year's 130.9 million bushels. Estimated yield, at 35 bushels per acre, is up 1 bushel from last year. Acres for harvest, at 3.25 million, are down 16 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay production in South Dakota in 2007 is forecast at 4.62 million tons, up 60 percent from last year. Forecasted yield is 2.2 tons per acre, up 0.6 ton from last year. Acres for harvest, at 2.1 million, are up 17 percent from last year. The August forecast for **other hay** production, at 2.25 million tons, is up 73 percent from last year. Forecasted yield is 1.5 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from a year ago. Other hay harvested acreage, at 1.5 million, is up 15 percent from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 81.0 million bushels, unchanged from the July 1 forecast but 96 percent above last year's 41.4 million bushels. The August yield, at 45 bushels, is unchanged from last month's forecast but up 9 bushels from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 51.87 million bushels, down 9 percent from the July 1 forecast but up 22 percent from last year. Yield, at 39 bushels per acre, is down 4 bushels from last month's forecast, yet up 9 bushels from last year's yield.

Sorghum production is forecast at 7.56 million bushels, up 163 percent from 2006. Expected yield, at 42 bushels per acre, is 6 bushels above last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, at 180,000, are up 125 percent from last year.

Oat production is forecast at 12.73 million bushels, down 4 percent from the July 1 forecast but up 135 percent from last year. The forecasted yield of 67 bushels is down 3 bushels from the July 1 forecast, yet up 10 bushels from last year's yield. Acres harvested for grain are forecast at 190,000, up 95,000 acres from last year.

Barley production is forecast at 1.5 million bushels, down 9 percent from last month but up 168 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 50 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from last month's forecast, yet up 10 bushels from last year.

Dry Edible Bean production is forecast at 23.63 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year. Expected yield, forecast at 1,700 pounds per acre, is up 44 percent from 1,180 pounds last year. Harvested acres, at 13,900, are down 27 percent from last year.

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